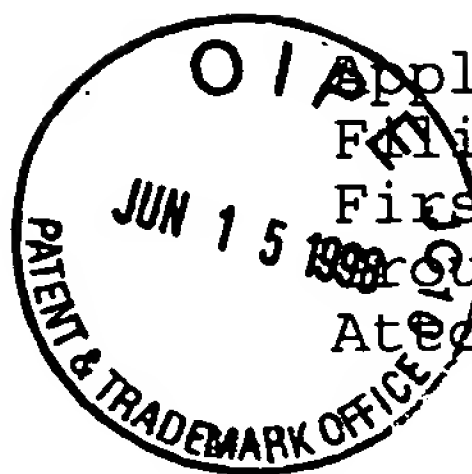


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LETTER TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS

TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS,
SIR:

During a routine status inquiry made to determine the status of this application, applicants were told on June 2, 1998 by the PTO Applications Division that a Notice to File Missing Parts was mailed on December 10, 1997. Applicant never received this Notice and requested that a copy be sent via facsimile. The copy was never received.

On June 5, 1998, a follow-up inquiry was made to the Applications Division to determine the status of the Notice to File Missing Parts and applicants were told that the file was returned to the team and that the Notice was never mailed.

In view of the uncertainty as to the status of this application, applicants are filing herewith (1) an Amendment and Petition to Correct Inventorship, and (2) a Declaration signed by the inventors. In addition, applicants conditionally request a three month extension of time to respond to the Notice to File Missing Parts and authorize any charges which may be required for such extension to our Deposit Account No. 19-1345 (if, in fact, such notice was mailed on December 10, 1997).

Respectfully submitted,

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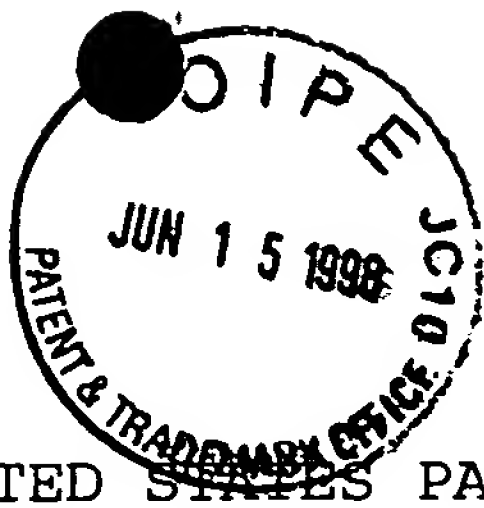
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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that the foregoing Letter to the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks in the application of Christopher D. Knight et al., Serial No. 08/900,414, filed July 25, 1997 is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to: Box Missing Parts, Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on this 10th day of June, 1998.

Darlene Pearman
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AMENDMENT AND PETITION
TO CORRECT INVENTORSHIP UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.48

Sir:

This Amendment and Petition request that the inventorship of the above-identified application be corrected from Christopher D. Knight, Lyle M. Rode, Michael J. Vandenberg, and Mercedes Vasquez-Anon as joint inventors to Christopher D. Knight, Karen M. Koenig, Lyle M. Rode, Michael J. Vandenberg, and Mercedes Vasquez-Anon as joint inventors. During the preparation of this application, Karen M. Koenig was omitted as a named inventor without any deceptive intent.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.48(a), the following documents are submitted in support of this Amendment and Petition:

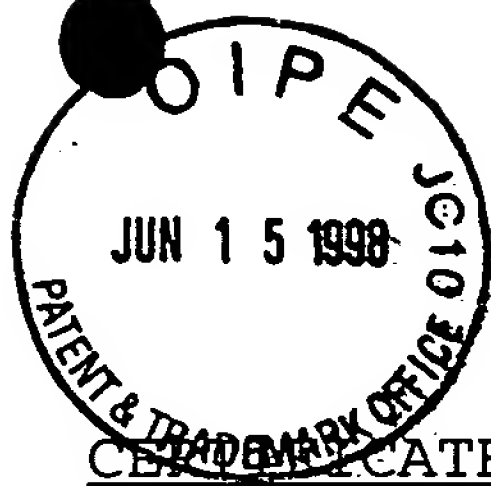
1. A statement by Ms. Karen M. Koenig that she was omitted as a named inventor in the application as originally filed without deceptive intent on her part.

2. A declaration by each of the actual inventors as required by 37 C.F.R. §1.63.

The fee of \$130.00 for consideration of this petition is submitted herewith. If there are any additional charges in this matter, please charge our Deposit Account No. 19-1345.

Respectfully submitted,

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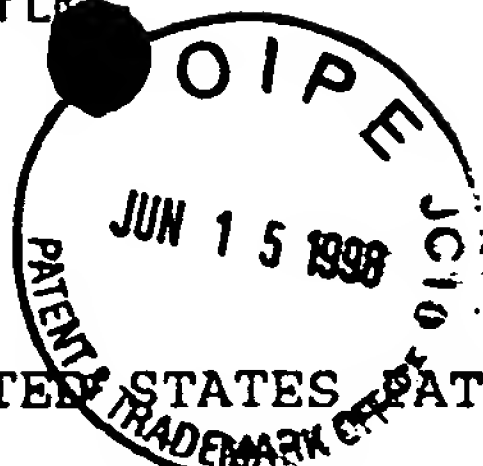


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I certify that the foregoing Amendment and Petition is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first mail in an envelope addressed to: Box Missing Parts, Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on this 10th day of June, 1998.

Darlene Pearman
Darlene Pearman



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STATEMENT

I, Karen M. Koenig, declare as follows:

1. I am a co-inventor with Christopher D. Knight, Lyle M. Rode, Michael J. Vandenberg, and Mercedes Vasquez-Anon of the process for optimizing milk production, which is the subject of the above-referenced patent application.

2. My name was omitted from the list of joint inventors submitted with the application when it was filed on July 25, 1997 without deceptive intent on my part.

3. I agree with the requested correction of inventorship from Christopher D. Knight, Lyle M. Rode, Michael J. Vandenberg, and Mercedes Vasquez-Anon as joint inventors to Christopher D. Knight, Karen M. Koenig, Lyle M. Rode, Michael J. Vandenberg, and Mercedes Vasquez-Anon as joint inventors.

4. I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Karen Koenig
Karen M. Koenig

2 June 1998
Date